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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER DESCRIBES NEXT GOVERNMENT

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PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES OUTLINED WHAT APPAR-
 ENTLY IS HIS UNDERSTANDING OF JUNTA INTENTIONS. HE CLAIMED
 THAT THE INTERIM CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL BE
 APPOINTED IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS, WILL REPRESENT THE PORTUGUESE
 POLITICAL SPECTRUM AND WILL INCLUDE COMMUNISTS AS WELL AS
 SOCIALISTS. THE PRINCIPAL TASKS OF THE NEXT GOVERNMENT WILL BE
 TO DEVELOP A DECOLONIZATION POLICY, CONFRONT PORTUGAL'S MASSIVE
 ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, REVERSE THE COUNTRY'S DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION, AND
 PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

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SOARES ADVANCED TWO REASONS FOR INCLUDING COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT:

--IF NOT INCLUDED, THE COMMUNISTS WOULD PRESS FOR IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS; AND

--IT WOULD BE BETTER TO LET THE COMMUNISTS SHARE THE SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN LEAVE THEM ON THE OUTSIDE TO CRITICIZE.

WHEN ASKED HOW MUCH OF THE PROGRAM HE HAD OUTLINED WAS ACCEPTABLE TO SPINOLA, SOARES REPLIED THAT THEIR VIEWS WERE "BASICALLY IDENTICAL." HE SAID THE ONLY DIFFERENCE WAS ONE ON URGING OF A MORE RAPID PACE OF DECOLONIZATION THAN THE JUNTA WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER.

SOARES SAID HE WAS SEEKING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MORAL SUPPORT FROM SOCIALIST PARTIES IN THE UK, GERMANY, SWEDEN, AND BELGIUM. HE HAD MET MEMBERS OF THE EC COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH THE US AMBASSADOR, SOARES HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN LONDON. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT PORTUGAL HAVE RELATIONS WITH BOTH SUPER POWERS.

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